

BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of
the License of
Christopher Young

18-PPC-25

FINAL ORDER

NOW, on this 15th day of January 2019, the above-captioned matter comes for consideration by the Kansas State Board of Education (Board). Appearing for the Board are Chairman, Kathy Busch, and members, Jean Clifford, Michelle Dombrosky, Deena Horst, Ben Jones, Jim McNiece, Ann Mah, Jim Porter, Steve Roberts, and Janet Waugh.

WHEREUPON the Professional Practices Commission (Commission) considered the matter on September 27, 2018. Christopher Young did not appear. The Kansas State Department of Education appeared through its attorney, Scott Gordon. After reviewing the evidence, the Commission voted **8 - 0**, to recommend the Board revoke Christopher Young's professional license.

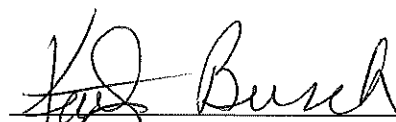
WHEREUPON the Board reviewed the Commission's Initial Order and after considering the presentation by Linda Sieck, Commission Chair, who was available to answer the Board's questions and being otherwise duly advised in the premises, the Board adopted the Commission's findings of fact and conclusions of law by a vote of **10 - 0**.

All findings set forth in the Commission's Initial Order attached hereto are incorporated by reference and made a part of this Final Order as though fully set forth at length herein.

IT IS THEREFORE CONCLUDED by the Kansas State Board of Education that Christopher Young's professional license is revoked.

This Final Order is made and entered this 15th day of January 2019.

Kansas State Board of Education



BY: Kathy Busch, Chairman
Signed March 7, 2019

NOTICE TO LICENSEE/APPLICANT

This is a Final Order and is effective upon service.

To request reconsideration of this order, you must file a Petition for Reconsideration with the Secretary to the State Board of Education, at the address below, within 15 days after service of this Final Order. The Petition must state the specific grounds upon which relief is requested.

To request a stay of effectiveness of this order, you must file a Petition for Stay with the Secretary to the State Board of Education at the address below. A petition can be filed until the time which a petition for judicial review would no longer be timely.

To seek judicial review of a Final Order, you must file a petition in the District Court as authorized by K.S.A. 77-601, *et seq.* within 30 days following the service of the Final Order. Filing a Petition for Reconsideration is not a prerequisite for seeking judicial review. A copy of any Petition for Judicial Review must be served upon the Secretary to the State Board of Education at the address below.

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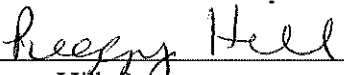
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 8th day of March 2019, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing was mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to:

Christopher Young
502 N. Olive
Peabody, Kansas 66866

And via interoffice mail to:

R. Scott Gordon
Kansas State Department of Education
900 SW Jackson Street, Ste. 102
Topeka, Kansas 66612



Peggy Hill, Secretary
Kansas State Board of Education

**BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION**

In the Matter of
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INITIAL ORDER

The above-captioned case comes on for hearing before the Professional Practices Commissioner (Commission) of the Kansas State Board of Education (State Board) upon the Complaint filed by the Kansas State Department of Education seeking revocation of Christopher Young's professional license.

The hearing on this matter was held on September 27, 2018. Appearing for the Commission were chairperson, Linda Sieck, and members, Nathan Reed, Maret Schrader, Sylvia Ramirez, William Anderson, Eric Filippi, Jennifer Holt and Aaron Edwards. The KSDE appeared by and through its attorney, General Counsel, R. Scott Gordon. Christopher Young did not appear.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Christopher Young has a professional teaching license.
2. On February 23rd, 2018, Mr. Young was charged with 8 felonies. Each charge involved either the sexual exploitation of a child or unlawful sexual relations with a student enrolled where Mr. Young was teaching at the time of the offenses.
3. On June 4th, 2018, Mr. Young pled guilty and was convicted of two counts of Sexual Exploitation of a Child in violation of K.S.A. 21-5510(a)(2)(b)(1)(A).
4. The Kansas State Department of Education mailed a copy of the Complaint via certified mail to Mr. Young's last known address. It was received on August 1, 2018. Mr. Young did not submit a written Answer or request a hearing.

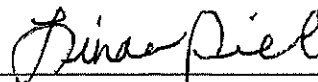
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Kansas State Board of Education (State Board) is responsible for the general supervision of Kansas education, including the certification and licensure of teachers. Kan. Const., Art. VI and K.S.A. 72-255.
2. The State Board may deny an application for misconduct or other just cause. K.A.R. 91 22-1a(a). The State Board is prohibited from licensing anyone convicted of Sexual Exploitation of a Child as defined in K.S.A. 21-5510. K.S.A. 72-2156(a)(8).
3. One of the obvious goals of education is to “instill respect for the law.” Hainline v. Bond, 250 Kan. 217 (1992). An educator is a role model. Hainline at 224.
4. Teaching and school administration are professions with all the similar rights, responsibilities and privileges accorded other legally recognized professions. K.S.A. 72-2308.
5. Pursuant to K.S.A. 72-2308, the Legislature has declared teaching and school administration to be professions in Kansas with all the similar rights, responsibilities and privileges accorded other legally recognized professions. An educator is in a position of public trust.
6. The Licensee’s conduct as described in paragraph 2 is inconsistent with the commonly-held perceptions and expectations of a member of the teaching profession. Such conduct violates the public trust and confidence placed in members of the profession.
7. The Licensee’s conduct in demonstrates a lack of fitness to perform the duties and responsibilities of a member of the teaching and school administration professions and is sufficient and just cause for revoking Applicant’s license.

THEREFORE the Professional Practices Commission, by vote of 8-0, recommends the Kansas State Board of Education revoke the Professional license of Christopher Young based on his felony convictions of sexual exploitation of a child, and for not requesting a hearing or submitting an answer in response to the Complaint.

This Initial Order is made and entered this September 27, 2018.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION



Linda Sieck, Chairman

Order signed on December 28, 2018.

NOTICE TO LICENSEE

This Order is not a Final Order and is required to be reviewed by the Kansas State Board of Education in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act. The State Board will review all issues. Notice of review with the specific date and time will be provided to the parties within 15 days of the review.

You may submit to the State Board for its consideration as part of its review of the Initial Order a written brief citing legal authority as to why the above recommendation should not be accepted. You must file the brief with the State Board Secretary at the address indicated below within ten calendar days after service of the Initial Order for transmittal to the State Board. You must also make any request for oral argument at that time.

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Response briefs are due within ten calendar days after service of the legal brief upon the opposing party. Any reply brief is due five calendar days after service of any response brief upon the opposing party. Any response or reply briefs must also be filed with the State Board Secretary at the address indicated above.

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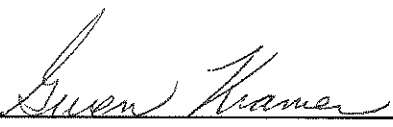
I hereby certify that on this 31st day of December, 2018, a true and correct copy of the above
and

foregoing was filed with the Secretary for the Kansas State Board of Education and one (1) copy
was mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to:

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Gwen Kramer
Secretary, Professional Practices Commission